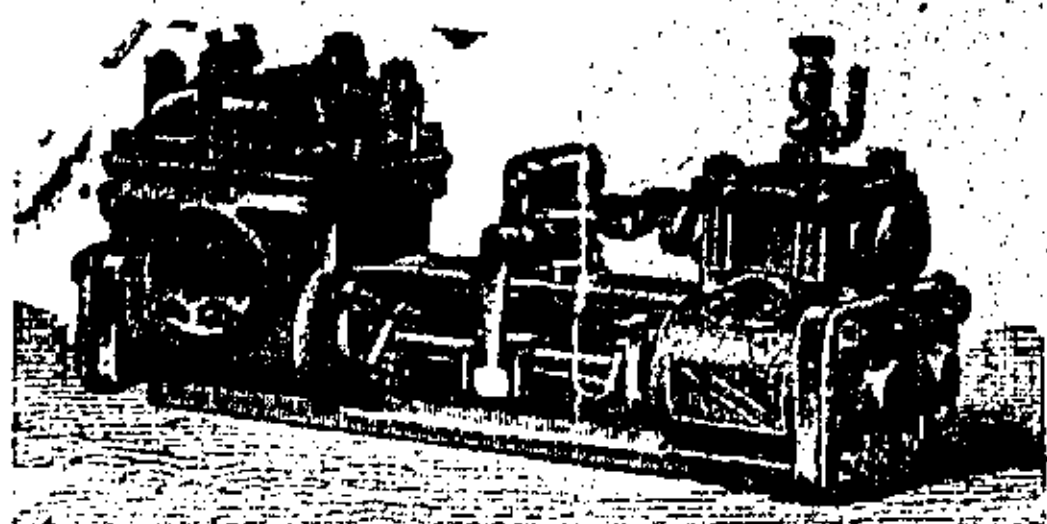


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THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA
DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Office of the Company, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th day of July, 1899, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when the subject of the resolution, which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 3rd day of July, 1899, (being an amendment of the resolution originally proposed at such Meeting), will be submitted for confirmation as a special resolution viz:—

"That the Memorandum and Articles of Association submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby approved with the following alterations made therein:

- 1.—With the words "in Hongkong and elsewhere," inserted in clause 3 section (a) line 1 of the said Memorandum of Association between the words "to carry on" and the words "the business of,"
- 2.—With the words "placed before the last clause in the said Memorandum of Association beginning 'the Capital of the Company' and with the latter portion of such clause beginning with the words 'with power to divide' down to the end of the clause eliminated."
- 3.—With the words "the General Meeting resolving upon the creation thereof shall direct and if no direction be given" inserted in Article Number 57 line 2 of the said Articles of Association between the words "annexed thereto" and the words "as the Directors shall determine."
- 4.—With the words "(if any)" inserted between the words "sums" and "as" and the words "in General Meeting" inserted between the words "Company" and "may" in Article Number 74 line 3 of the said Articles of Association.
- 5.—With all the words after the word "shall" in line 1 of Article Number 108 of the said Articles of Association eliminated down to the end of the Article and with the following words inserted instead thereof "three days at least previously to the meeting to be served on the registered holders of shares in the manner at which notices are hereinafter directed to be served."

And that pursuant to the provisions of the Companies (Memorandum of Association) Ordinance 1890 the form of the Company's constitution be altered by substituting such Memorandum of Association with extended objects as therein set forth (after making the before-mentioned alterations therein) and such Articles of Association (after making the before-mentioned alterations therein) for the Company's Deed of Settlement dated the 29th of August 1893 and for all regulations of the Company subsequently made and now in force, and that the Directors be authorized to apply to the Court to confirm this resolution under the said Ordinance.

Dated the 4th day of July, 1899.
By order of the Board,
T. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

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Will despatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATES named:—

FOR.	STEAMSHIP.	CAPTAIN.	DATE.
Kobe (Direct),	Tientsin	H. J. Fox.	Daylight, 7th July.
LONDON	Japan	G. K. Wager, R.N.	Noon, 7th July.
SHANGHAI	Coromandel	F. W. Visser, R.N.	About 7th July.
LONDON, &c.	Bengal	S. Barcham	Noon, 8th July.
YOKOHAMA, Via			
NSAKI & KOBÉ, Rohilla		S. D. B. Lockyer, R.N.	4 p.m., 8th July.

* For Freight, only. + See Special Advertisement.
For Freight or passage, and further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, July 5, 1899.

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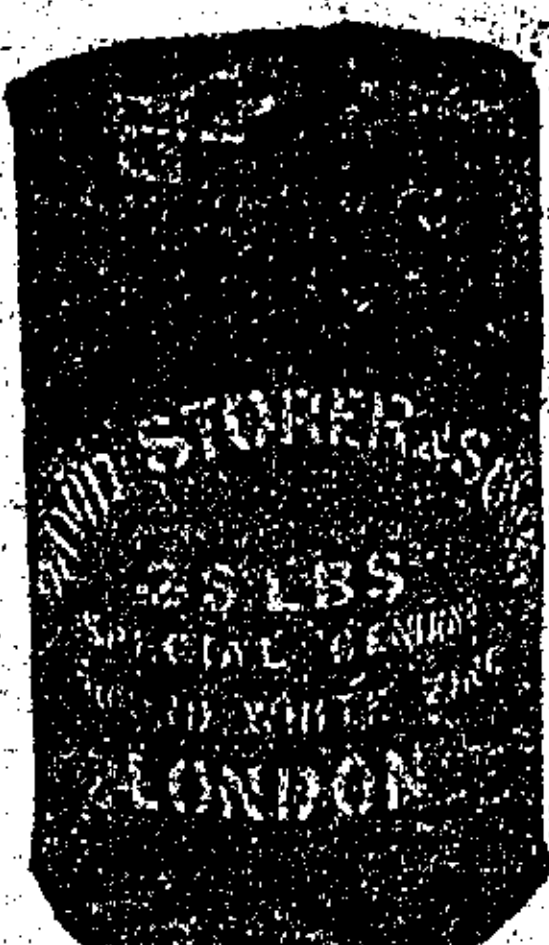
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First Quality Lodging—Victoria & Plover's Bays, and Southern Beach.

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Business Notices.

THE SUN IS SHINING

AND

SALES ARE IN FULL SWING

FRUIT SYRUPS.

LIME FRUIT JUICE.

LIME FRUIT CORDIAL.

FRUIT TABLETS.

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For Prices and further particulars, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

COTTAM & Co.,

HATS,

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THE Public are informed that this FINE and COMMODIOUS HOTEL is TO-DAY entirely under ENGLISH MANAGEMENT, and is now on a Par with the Best MANAGERED HOTELS. All the LATEST IMPROVEMENTS and CONVENIENCES have been Added to the Building, including Electric Light throughout.

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THE WANCHAI WAREHOUSE AND STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND at the RATE of FOUR PER CENT. (One Dollar and Fifty Cents per Share), for the Six Months ending 30th June, 1899, will be PAID, on application, to the registered Shareholders in the above Company, on SATURDAY, the 8th July, 1899.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 8th July, both days inclusive.

MEYER & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, June 30, 1899.

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NOTICE.

MR. CARL GEORG RICHARD BRODERSEN, Mr. FRIEDRICH HERMANN ARNOLD FUCHS, and Mr. SEVERIN EDUARD WARMER have this Day been admitted PARTNERS in Our Firm in Hongkong and China.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, July 1, 1899.

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Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,

on

FRIDAY,

the 14th July, 1899, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the premises, ALL THOSE VARIOUS LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES, situated at Station Street, North, MONROE, YAMATER, in the Dependency of Kowloon, known as KOWLOON INLAND Lots Nos. 482, 483, 484, 485 and 486, containing in the whole 6250 square feet.

The said PREMISES are held for the respective residues of 5 several terms of 75 years each to be Granted by Crown Lessees thereof and are subject to the Payment of the several Crown rents of \$16 each or \$80 per annum.

For further particulars and conditions of Sale apply to

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers, or to

WILKINSON & GRIST, Solicitors for the Vendor.

Hongkong, June 30, 1899. 1534

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,

on

SATURDAY,

the 15th day of July, 1899, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the PREMISES, the following VARIOUS LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES, situated at HONG HON WEST, in the Dependency of Kowloon and Colony of Hongkong.

LOT 1.—All that Piece of Ground Portion of HONG HON INLAND Lot No. 188, intended to be Registered as SECTION A of HONG HON INLAND Lot No. 188, containing an area of 11,400 square feet. Together with the Building and Factory thereon known as 17 Hong Hom West. The said Premises are held for the residue of 75 years under Crown Lease. Proportion of Crown Rent \$189.70. This lot is let at the Annual Rental \$640 payable monthly on the 1st of each month, and the lot is sold subject to such tenancy.

LOT 2.—All that Piece of Ground Portion of HONG HON INLAND Lot No. 188, intended to be Registered as SECTION B of HONG HON INLAND Lot No. 188, containing an area of 14,700 square feet. Together with the Building and Factory thereon known as 18 Hong Hom West. The said Premises are held under Crown Lease for the residue of the term of 75 years. Proportion of Crown Rent \$250.35. This lot is let at an Annual Rental of \$750 payable monthly on the 1st of each month, and the lot is sold subject to such tenancy.

LOT 3.—All that Piece of Ground Portion of HONG HON INLAND Lot No. 188, intended to be Registered as SECTION C of HONG HON INLAND Lot No. 188, containing an area of 18,000 square feet. These premises are immediately adjoining the lot in the case of 18 Hong Hom West, and are held for the residue of the term of 75 years under Crown Lease. Crown Rent \$250.35. The said lot is sold subject to such tenancy.

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Hongkong, June 30, 1899. 1533

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Twelve Millions Sterling.

This Surplus belongs exclusively to Policy-holders.

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To-day's Advertisements

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MARK MELFORD'S FUNNIEST

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Prices: 88, 92 & 91.

Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform Half Price to Back Seats only.

Plan now Open at the REPUBLICAN PIANO Warehouse.

Doors Open 8.15. Overture 9 p.m.

W. H. BROWN, Business Manager.

Hongkong, July 5, 1899. 1567

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by

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SATURDAY,

the 8th July, at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, 100 House Street.

SUNDAY VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD

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Comprising—

SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED GLASS, MAR-

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and FANCY CANTON BLACKWOOD WARE, &c. &c.

TERMS.—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, July 5, 1899. 1568

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND

SINGAPORE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship Silesia, Capt.

BEHNERS, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Under-

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Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 11th Inst. will be subject to rent.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 11th Instant, at 4 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 4, 1899. 1566

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAM-

WAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. Every quarter of an hour.

8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every ten minutes.

9.30 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. Every quarter of an hour.

11.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every quarter of an hour.

3.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Every quarter of an hour.

6.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every ten minutes.

Night cars at 8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. and from 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. every half hour.

Extra cars at 11.30 and 11.45 p.m.

SUNDAYS.

8.15 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. Every half hour.

10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every ten minutes.

Noon to 2 p.m. Every quarter of an hour.

2.45 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every quarter of an hour.

Night cars at 8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m., and from 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. every half hour.

Every half hour.

SPECIAL CARS by Arrangement at the Company's Office, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, May 1, 1899. 1076

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor the Company will be responsible for Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew on the following Vessel, during its stay in Hongkong Harbour:

DAVIDSON, British 4-masted ship, Spurring.—C. Richardson & Co.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.

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Date of Leaving.

Amoy and Tamsui. Shipping Co. Douglas Lupton & Co. July 6, daylight.

Batavia and Port of Call. Sayers (S). Carlowitz & Co. July 18, at 9 a.m.

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The New Bishop for Manila.
A Filipino telegram states that Agostino, the Filipino envoy, was in Rome at the end of May opposing the election of Pacher McInnes as Bishop of Manila, and urging the appointment of a native Bishop.

Siam and Japan.
A new Japanese Minister to Bangkok will pass through Hongkong shortly. Mr. Shimamura Kotoha, the Japanese Chief of Affairs in the Siamese capital, will return to Tokio via Hongkong shortly after the arrival of the Minister.

Firearms for the Philippines.
The U.S. cruiser Princeton has taken into Manila Bay a steam launch captured off the Luzon Coast. No arms were found on board the launch, but a Manila contemporary says there were indications that contrabands of war had been on board a few hours earlier. The launch was commanded by an Englishman, and manned by a Chinese crew. The Englishman said he had been blown out of Hongkong. His papers, too, were rather mixed. If the despatch of the arms is true to Hongkong, we hope the authorities will make the Colony too hot for the offenders.

A Quintuplet Birth.
A case of quintuplet birth is reported by Dr. Bernheim, of Philadelphia. This rare event happened in Mayfield, Kentucky. The children were of the male sex and were all born alive. Their weight was from four to five English pounds and they appeared quite healthy, there being no obvious cause for their deaths which took place within a fortnight. According to a medical text book, twins occur once in eighty-nine births, triplets once in 7,930 births, and quintuplets once in 871,128 births.

The Junta at War.
A San cable from London says: A dispatch to the San from Rome says that the Filipino committee in Europe forwarded to the San a special secret memorial, under date of May 22, protesting against the "excesses" of the American Army in the Philippines and expounding solemnly the alleged barbarities committed by the Americans. It is a memorial, it is stated, in which the committee, in a protest against the American "tyranny of a military junta," requests the governments addressed to forward protests to the United States against American excesses with the object of "compelling the Americans to submit to the rules of civilized warfare." The Filipino Junta in Paris has received a cablegram from Aguinaldo countering the report of his death and affirming the idea of his committing suicide.

Electric Tramway at Peking.
The first electric tramway in China was opened on Saturday last, the 24th ultimo, between the Peking station at Machiao and the south gate of the metropolis, Yung-tung. The Director-General of the Yung-tung railways, Mr. Hsu Ching-chang, the other directors and six Ministers of the Chinese Government were present, and were deeply interested in inspecting the plant and watching the proceedings. The whole system works excellently and was fully appreciated by the directors. The tramway was projected and constructed by Messrs Siemens and Halske of Berlin. It is intended to extend the tramway inside the city, a great difficulty being to break a new gate for the tram through the city wall, but after all it will only be a question of time, it being an urgent necessity to have a better communication between the Peking station and the city. The engineer of the line is Mr. Fischer, of Messrs Siemens and Halske.—A. C. Daily News.

The Chinese Burning Money.
It is reported from Wuchang (says the N.C. Daily News) that the magazine rifle factory built in the city by Viceroy Chang Chih-tung is at present working at its utmost capacity with day and night shifts, the daily output now being twenty-five rifles. This is due to the large demands made recently by the Viceroy and Governor in the Yangtze Valley and along the maritime coast for weapons of precision, causing the factories in Nanking and Tientsin also to work at double time. Viceroy Chang is further stated to intend to double the facilities of his rifle factory shortly; the machinery has already been ordered from abroad. It is stated in the *Universal Gazette* that the Generalissimo Jung Lu has ordered the Imperial gun foundry at Lukou Bridge, Western suburbs of Peking, to cast eighty quick-firing field pieces for the Hsueh Army Corps under his own command, which will raise the number of field guns attached to this Corps alone to nearly 200 pieces. Large consignments of a 150mm field and mountain guns have already been contracted for abroad for the other Army Corps now quartered in the vicinity of the capital and at the Southern Hunting Park, and they are expected to arrive at their destination before the closing of the Peking navigation.

Letting Light into China.
It is reported (writes the Peking correspondent of the N.C. Daily News) that England has spoken to the Taungti Yamen in reference to the construction of a railway from Taiyuan, the capital of Shanxi, to Tientsin and thence to Hankow, the capital of Hubei. This line would probably not be less than 400 miles in length, and will be necessary to the development of trade through a considerable part of the "sphere" of the Peking Syndicate, and some of the richest mineral districts of Shanxi. What Russia will say to this scheme is not known, but it is generally supposed that it is not in any way antagonistic to the terms of the Anglo-Russian Agreement, or it would not have been mentioned. It must be intensely refreshing to the members of the "old party" in China to note with what avidity the despised barbarians are taking notice of the Middle Kingdom and its resources, and the property according to his own crude notions. Still, experience keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other. Sometimes wise men will only learn in this way—even in the enlightened lands of the West. I recited on good authority, that Russia has offered to China to purchase the railway from Peking to Tientsin to Shanghai, and to pay 20 per cent above the value of the loan. It should be carried into effect, English interests in North China may be seriously injured. Judging from recent army movements, the Chinese Government appears to be desirous of maintaining a Russian advance, and pursuing a policy calculated to produce complications with other foreign Powers.

REUTERS TELEGRAM.
London, Wed. July 1899.
THE RIOTS IN SPAIN.
The rioters in Valencia have barricaded the streets, and fierce fighting has taken place, the troops firing volleys. The tension is causing a complete stoppage in business.

THE TRANSVAAL.
There is great dissatisfaction in Johannesburg. A Green Book published at Pretoria shows that the Transvaal has, in a series of despatches, repudiated the authority of Great Britain.

WEATHER REPORT.
The following notices are issued from the Observatory:—
On the 5th at 11.55 A.M. The barometer continues to fall slowly on the China coast. The typhoon appears to be situated to the East of Formosa, and moving slowly towards N.W. Gradients slight, but increasing, for N.E. to N.W. winds on the China coast. Forecast:—moderate N.W. to S.W. winds; fine.

A HONGKONGITES SOLILOQUY.

To be or not to be, that is the question—Whether 'tis better in the mind to suffer The silent discomforts of retrograding policy, Or to take arms against a sea of errors And by protesting, end them! Sham-chuen!—a village town, No more; and by taking possession, to say we end them and the thousand nervous shocks Victims are heir to—'Tis a consummation Devoutly to be wished. To try to keep it, perchance for aye—there's the rub, For in that dream of bliss what good results may come Which now we should off with little toil, But then must reap. There's the prospect That looks a man shy to venture on a coup! For who would bear the quick reversal of affairs. The cut, rebuff, the foreigner's comment, The silent ancers, the insolence of look, The helpless feeling where burns The impatient spirit at its untoward fate, The dread of something far beyond a jest—That undiscovered "cause" which uninvited And mingles. The growth of years, muzzles the will, And makes us rather beat the ill we have, Than fly to others that we know not of; Thus caution does make cowards of us all, And in a state of weak irresolution, Our fixed intentions fail and come to naught. While enterprising nations, with zeal and spirit, Thus on their guard, quickly do seize, And add to acquisition.

The Ethics of Umbrellas.
A Saigon paper mentions an interesting case of umbrella ethics. A resident was being visited by a friend when a heavy shower of rain fell. The visitor, who had no umbrella, and in response to a request for the loan of one the host said: "Impossible. I have only two, one old one all in holes that I do not often use, and another that I cannot possibly lend you either. It is quite new."

A Coming Surrey Colt.
For Thorpe St. Mary's, a new club at Thorpe in Surrey, against Weybridge Athletic, on May 18, Percy R. May, a boy of just fifteen years, bowling against men, took all ten wickets in one innings, eight of them bowled, in 7 overs, for 12 runs. It was a coincidence that the boy was a nephew of Horrell's performance at the Oval three days before. Percy May, who is Surrey born, has already this season taken 67 wickets in matches, of which 57 have been bowled out, at a cost of 2.4 runs each. Last season he took 207 wickets for 'Thorpe Juniors', average 2.47, and headed the batting averages.

Mr Byron Brennan, C.M.G.
The *China Gazette* of the 30th June says:—Mr Pelham Warren takes over charge of the British Consulate General tomorrow morning from Mr Byron Brennan, C.M.G., who proceeds home, with Mrs Brennan to the Empress Dowager's mourning afternoon. It is not too much to say that no incumbent of the post for a great many years has given such general and deserved satisfaction as Mr Brennan has succeeded in doing, and Shanghai is under a deep debt of gratitude to him if only for the successful attainment of his long-cherished ambition, which he has very largely accomplished in bringing about. It is certainly unfortunate that British interests in China should be deprived of the services of their most experienced and able official representative at such a grave juncture, when every day brings up some new question requiring frankness, knowledge, and tact to handle, but we suppose it cannot be helped, for we cannot overlook the few good Consuls we have, and besides in Mr Pelham Warren the Government has given us the very best man at its disposal, to take Mr Brennan's place. All Shanghai will join with us in wishing Mr Brennan a pleasant voyage and a happy and well-earned home.

Mr Kinder.
Commander Ernest Kinder, R.N., writes concerning his brother:—It is now over twenty years since he left Japan to take over the working of the mines at Tongshan, where he eventually started his own business, and the face of obstacles, difficulties, and opposition; for quite the latter half of that time he has confidently predicted what was coming upon China from her northern neighbour, and never ceased to bewail the absolute apathy and indifference of the authorities and of the British nation to the steadily increasing danger, as he always was, that a firm attitude on our part would at once have put an end to it. Loyal, fearless, outspoken and above all the petty intrigues that so often beset the higher complement of a British official, he has been a most valuable asset to the German Minister. I am further and say that for some years before he went to Japan he studied engineering in Russia itself, so that he is not entirely unacquainted with Russian modes of dealing, and, possibly, learned from them to look ahead, as they always do. No one knows better how to play a waiting game than Russia, and the only reason why she has not been able to do so, is because she has no such ally as we have. Needless to say, he is not a man to be trifled with, nor one who for her policy, but he has always been a most valuable asset to the German Minister.

THE PLAGUE AT PAKHOI.
WORST YEAR FOR TWENTY YEARS.
HONOLULU, KAUAI.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Pakhoi, June 30.
The plague, thank God, is subsiding here. It has been the worst year for twenty years, lasting longer than any epidemic I can remember. It was much more virulent than ever, and with fewer recoveries than in any recorded year. A great many cases never showed the usual swellings. These patients lived only twenty-four or forty-eight hours after the first feelings of sickness, and were usually very delirious.

The poor laid their dead relatives a foot below the surface of the sand on the sea shore, with the horrid result that tons of dogs were seen daily exhuming the bodies, and running about with arms and legs, devouring them at their leisure. This is China! Of course, nothing was done to prevent this wholesale mode of spreading the disease.

THE UN LOONG MURDERS.

SENTENCE OF DEATH.
HONGKONG, July 5.
At the Supreme Court, in Criminal Sessions, to-day, Tung Cheung Si and Cheung Tin, who were found guilty on Saturday of the murder of Tung Cheung, at Un Loong, on April 13, were brought up for sentence. His Hon. W. M. Goodman, Acting Chief Justice, and Hon. A. G. Wise, Puisne Judge, were on the bench.
Hon. H. E. Pollock, Acting Attorney General (introduced by Mr F. R. L. Bowley), appeared in the interests of the Crown; Mr M. W. Slade for the prisoners.
Mr Slade said:—My Lord, since Monday last, when your Lordship the Chief Justice delivered judgment on the point as to whether this Court had jurisdiction over the new territory on the 17th of April, I have had an opportunity which I had not before, on account of the shortness of the time in which I had been instructed, of looking carefully into this question, and, my Lord, I have come to the conclusion that your Lordship's decision on that matter is right. I feel great deference in saying this, and under these circumstances I do not think it is my duty to ask your Lordship to consider this any further or to add any further argument on this question. I feel considerable diffidence in advancing this view I have given, because in appearing for the prisoner one ought to do all that one can to assist him and obtain for him the full benefit both of law and of justice. I hope your Lordships will agree with me that I do not think it is the duty of counsel to press upon the Court arguments which he himself believes to be invalid, and under these circumstances, my Lord, I beg leave to withdraw the application I made that this point be reserved, and leave the matter in the hands of the Court.
His Lordship said:—At the request of the learned counsel for the prisoners, I reserved the question for further consideration whether on the 17th April, 1899, the English Law of murder was in force in that part of the Colony known as the new territory. For reasons I stated at the time, I had, myself, no doubt that such law was then in force; but in view of the serious nature of the charge and desiring to give the prisoners' counsel the opportunity he wished of more closely examining the authorities, I thought that no harm could result from a further argument upon the subject. Mr Slade has now had an opportunity of further considering the matter and has intimated that he no longer desires to dispute the position that I took at the trial in ruling that the English law of murder was in force on the 17th April at Un Loong, a position in which Mr Justice Wise concurred. As the prisoners' counsel no longer desires to argue the point reserved, it only remains for me to give effect to the verdict of the Jury and to pronounce upon the prisoners the sentence which the law requires me to pronounce in the case of men convicted of murder.

His Lordship then assumed the black cap, and said:—Tung, Tung Si and Cheung Tin, you stand severally convicted of the crime of wilful murder. It was a very cruel and barbarous murder. You chained your victim round his neck, you bound him hand and foot, kept him confined in a pig basket, and while in this defenceless condition, shot him three or four times with a revolver, and finally threw him into the creek where his dead body was found six days afterwards by his son still chained and fastened to the pig basket. The man had committed no offence in posing a proclamation which only gave effect to the Convention made last year between the Emperor of China and Her Majesty the Queen. The sentence of the Court upon each of you is, that you be severally taken hence to the place from whence you came, and thence to the place of execution, and that you be there hanged by the neck until you be dead; and that your bodies be severally buried in such place as His Excellency the Governor shall order; and may the Lord have mercy on your souls.

La Boultonie Anglaise.
Under the heading of 'La Boultonie Anglaise' (the 'go-like apple of England') a Tonkin contemporary makes these melancholy reflections:—All men are good for the English to arrive at their end. The vibrations of every kind that our nationals undergo have no other cause than that. They have laid a strong hand on Siam, and carefully promote the animosity that they have caused to arise against us. Bit by bit, they will take the whole of Siam, and will leave nothing to anybody else. They have even a lunge to Siam. This is very doubtful. Ah, they have always had a tremendous appetite these English neighbours of ours. Archipelagos and continents, they swallow them all. But beware of indigestion.

'Tommy had a Purple Monkey.'
'F. A. G.' writes as follows in the *Kobe Chronicle*:—He who touches pitch shall be defiled—more especially if his costume consists only of a bathing dress. I was down at the Boat House the other evening, dipping my toe in the water to see if it was warm enough for my delicate constitution, when somebody put the touch of this world on my toes. He rose up from the sea like a beautiful white statue emerging from the waves, and displayed his agility by climbing to the top of the pier which the Committee of the R. R. & A. C. all unbeknownst, had been having newly tarred. By the time he got to the top the room had been vacated. He was most interesting to watch his gradual progress from white to black, and the calm unconscious air, as of one to whom climbing was a matter of everyday occurrence, with which he slowly attained the summit. I sat at the margin of the sea waves and enjoyed myself immensely. In fact I haven't enjoyed myself so much since I heard the lions roar in 'The Sign of the Cross.' My gymnastic friend regretted the display when the truth dawned upon him that the black upon his white skin was not seaweed. He retired into the boat-house for an hour, and after rubbing himself vigorously with oil, he came out again, but before the ladies could see him, he had disappeared. He was very much amused and said that the ladies had been very much amused.

YEN-KEE AT THE DOCKS.—At Kowloon, Yeh Kee, the Chinese Consul, was seen yesterday at the docks. He was accompanied by his wife and children. He was seen in a very friendly manner, and was very much interested in the proceedings of the day. He was seen in a very friendly manner, and was very much interested in the proceedings of the day.

INTRIGUES AT PEKING.
The native correspondent of the N.C. Daily News writes on the 8th June:—A COSPOLITE OF AUTHORITY.
The Empress Dowager's nephew, Jung Lu, Grand Secretary and Generalissimo of the armies North of the Yellow River, has lately evinced considerable dissatisfaction with the anomalous position he considers himself to be in, as regards the hat title, and claims that unless he has full control over all the forces to dispose of as he considers best, the country will be ruined at the last moment by a conflict of authority. This is owing to the fact that Prince Ching is Commander in Chief of the Peking Field Force, numbering some 25,000 men, which naturally looks to him for orders in all things instead of to the Generalissimo. Moreover, Jung Lu, not being a hereditary noble, is powerless against a Prince who would naturally refuse to take orders from a commoner, however high his rank may be. As Jung Lu has a project of bringing all the Northern forces under one single organization, such a division of authority has naturally interfered not a little with his scheme, which has so disgusted him that he has already resigned his post as Generalissimo within the last week. This, it is perhaps, done in order for the Empress Dowager to give public opinion to Prince Ching, who is backed by all the other Princes, Dukes, and nobles of the Imperial Court, who consider Jung Lu an interloper holding a post naturally belonging to a Prince of the Blood. This matter appears to stand, while the palace is said to be a very hot-bed of intrigues.

HOPE OF JEWELLRY INTRIGUES.
Princes against Ministers, eunuchs against nobles, and the Empress Dowager and her favourites against the world. Such a state of affairs will only lead to Palace revolutions and much consequent bloodshed, which no one knows better than the showed old Empress Dowager herself, who, while she does not at present put the Princes and the nobles in her own hands, she has a plan to be hatched to put her nephew in command of the forces surrounding Peking in order to provide against such contingencies rather than against a foreign enemy. From all accounts the old Dowager is also quite willing to place her nephew in chief command also of the Peking Field Force, but she can see no way to do so, at least without giving offence, so she is waiting for a better opportunity. Prince Ching is also quite willing to place her nephew in chief command also of the Peking Field Force. 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